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DIST: 28 APRIL 1983
COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJ: CONTINUING HIGH CONCERN WITHIN SECURITY SERVICES OVER REVELATIONS OF EXCESSES COMMITTED DURING THE ANTI-SUBERSIVE CAMPAIGN

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2. ON 19 APRIL 1983, THERE WAS GREAT CONCERN WITHIN SIDE OVER REVELATIONS OF SECRET DETENTION AND TORTURE CENTERS THAT HAD EXISTED IN ARGENTINA. THE CONCERN WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE REVELATIONS WERE CORRECT IN THEIR LOCATION OF THE CENTERS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS INVOLVED; THIS HAS LED SIDE PERSONNEL TO SUSPECT THAT SOMEONE WITHIN SIDE IS TRYING TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH THE COMING CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT BY MAKING AVAILABLE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION. ADDED THAT SOME OF THE LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED AS "TORTURE CENTERS" HAD ACTUALLY BEEN DETENTION CENTERS USED BY LOCAL POLICE UNITS. COMMENT: INFORMATION ON THESE DETENTION CENTERS WAS RELEASED ON 18 APRIL BY THE CENTER FOR LEGAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES (CELS), WHICH IDENTIFIED 47 SUCH LOCATIONS

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4. AS OF 22 APRIL, THE 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION, THE OPERATIONAL ARM OF THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIE), WERE VERY CONCERNED OVER TWO STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE MADE PUBLIC. ONE OF THESE STATEMENTS IS BY ((BUFANO)) (FNU), WHO WORKED WITH THE 601ST BATTALION, AND THE OTHER IS BY "JAPONES" ((MARTINEZ)), WHO SERVED WITH SOME INTELLIGENCE OR SECURITY SERVICE DURING THE "DIRTY WAR". BOTH MEN HAVE MADE DETAILED DECLARATIONS CONCERNING SPECIFIC DISAPPERANCES AND EXCUTIONS COMMITTED BY SECURITY FORCES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR", INCLUDING THE NAMES OF THE SECURITY PERSONNEL INVOLVED, THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS, DATES, THE SPECIFIC ACTION TAKEN, ETC.

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3.3(b)(1) UNSPECIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS HAD COLLECTED US$280,000 THAT THEY DIVIDED AMONG BUFANO, MARTINEZ, AND RODOLFO PEREGRINO ((FERNANDEZ)), WHO MADE DECLARATIONS ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE POLICE; THIS MONEY WAS ALLEGEDLY TO BE CONSIDERED HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES, 3.3(b)(1) BUT CONSIDER IT BRIBES TO THE THREE MEN TO MAKE THEIR DECLARATIONS.

5. THE GENERAL MOOD AT THE 601ST BATTALION WAS ONE OF DEJECTION AND PESSIMISM BECAUSE BUFANO AND 3.3(b)(1) MARTINEZ HAD ALREADY MADE THEIR DECLARATIONS AND IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY WERE MADE PUBLIC IN ARGENTINA. (3.3(b)(1) COMMENT: THE 601ST BATTALION BELIEVED THAT THE BEST THEY COULD HOPE FOR WOULD BE FOR BUFANO'S AND MARTINEZ' STATEMENTS TO TURN OUT TO BE MORE GENERAL THAN EXPECTED AND DISCUSS EXCESSES DURING THE "DIRTY WAR" WITH LITTLE DETAILS OR EVIDENCE; THAT TYPE OF DECLARATION, SIMILAR TO THE ONE MADE EARLIER BY FERNANDEZ, WOULD COME AS AN ENORMOUS RELIEF TO THE 601ST BATTALION PERSONNEL.)

6. (COMMENT: THE CONCERN DESCRIBED ABOVE IS SHARED BY THE FEDERAL POLICE AND THE UNOFFICIAL ARGENTINE ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIANCE 3.3(b)(1)

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